

**Connecticut General Assembly Energy and Technology Committee,
March 15, 2011 concerning SENATE BILL 1, AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY POLICY AND
FINANCE.**

To the Energy and Technology Committee:

The horrors unfolding in Japan due to radiation leaks and a possible meltdown reinforce the need for CT to consider renewable energy, particularly solar power, as an essential part of Senate Bill 1, an Act concerning Energy Policy and Finance. We have no other intelligent choice. Solar power does not melt down. Rather the promotion of solar power can build up by creating jobs in an economy that badly needs them. A strong renewable energy credit program will encourage both businesses and residents to consider solar energy as an alternative to traditional energy.

A state which recognizes the importance of renewable energy can help stabilize the soaring costs of energy. There is less fear of an unstable Middle East if we get our electricity from solar or other renewable energy sources. There is less opportunity for another deep water disaster in our waters if we are not as dependent on petroleum.

The business of legislature of CT is to act on behalf of the citizens of CT. Enacting a bill with comprehensive programs for the growth of renewable energy is acting in the interests of our residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

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